

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:		) Apparatus and Method for Removing
		) Fittings From Pipes
Paul Fenton		)
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Serial No.:	10/588,931	) Group Art Unit: 3723
		)
Filed:	May 24, 2007	) Examiner: Robert C. Watson

### **RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office action of July 9, 2008.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Applicant elects the species of Fig. 4. The claims that read onto the species of Fig. 4 include claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21. Also, Fig. 5 discloses an optional feature usable with respect to the species of Fig. 4 and is covered in claims 22 and 23.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

#### 37 CFR 1.8

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Respectfully submitted,

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